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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

REF: NEW DELHI 11170

1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY TEJA'S COMMENT TO DCM SCHNEIDER THAT THE INDIAN EMBASSY HAD INFORMED US THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE WELCOME TO VISIT INDIA DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 5-9. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH APPROACH.

2. DURING AUGUST 3 CALL BY INDIAN EMBASSY DCM VENKATESWARAN, NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS' INQUIRY ABOUT TEJA'S COMMENT DREW AN EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE FROM VENKATESWARAN. HE SAID EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM DELHI REGARDING AN INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY TO VISIT NEW DELHI DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA. DUBS NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD CONSIDERED A POSSIBLE STOP IN INDIA, BUT THAT PRESSURE OF OTHER BUSINESS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CONTINUE ON BEYOND PAKISTAN. DUBS ALSO INFORMED VENKATESWARAN THAT THE SECRETARY HAD SENT AN ORAL MESSAGE THROUGH OUR EMBASSY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TRIP.

3. COMMENT: TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, ESPECIALLY AS WE

NOTE G.K. REDDY'S STORY IN "THE HINDU" (NEW DELHI 11251)
TALKS OF "CLEAR INDICATION FROM THE GOI THAT IT WOULD BE
HAPPY TO RECEIVE" THE SECRETARY, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USE-
FUL FOR THE DCM TO INFORM TEJA OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH
VENKATESWARAN. KISSINGER

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